GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1165
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2001
REHABILITATION OF WORKERS OF PLASTIC INDUSTRY
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum from Plastic Manufacturers of India against the ban on use of plastic bags;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether a large number of workers are likely to become jobless as a result of the proposed ban on plastic industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to rehabilitate the workers of plastic industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & b) The All India Plastic Manufacturers` Association submitted a memorandum on 6.8.2001 regarding conversion of the current restriction on use of plastic carry bags into a complete ban on the manufacture, sale and use. A Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Ranganath Misra,Member of Parliament and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to examine issues related to disposal of plastic wastes and other related issues . At present, there is no move to impose a total ban on the manufacture, sale and use of plastic carrybags.

(c),(d) & (e) Do not arise.